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State Route 710 Plan to Improve Congestion in the San Gabriel Valley

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has selected the preferred alternative for the State Route 710 North Project and approved the associated environmental document. This alternative is a strategy to improve the efficiency and capacity of the existing transportation network in the San Gabriel Valley. This multi-modal solution will address long-standing traffic congestion, transit connectivity and pedestrian and bicycle access in the region.

“After many years of discussion, the greater Pasadena, South Pasadena and Alhambra community can move forward with important local road and transit improvements to help more people get to where they’re going while keeping communities connected,” said California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Annis.

The approved Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS) identifies the Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) as the preferred alternative over a freeway tunnel. Other alternatives included a bus rapid transit, light rail system, and a “no build” option.

“Caltrans has worked very closely with regional partners at Metro, SCAG and cities as well as elected officials and community groups to find the best solution for relieving congestion in the San Gabriel Valley and across the Los Angeles region,” said Caltrans District 7 Director John Bulinski.

Caltrans facilitated public participation throughout the development of the environmental document, as required by law. The study, which began in summer 2015, generated more than 8,000 comments from the public. The study area was approximately 100 square miles, bounded by Interstates 210, 605, 10 and 5 and State Route 2. Caltrans and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority cooperated on the study that encompassed 92 community meetings, participated in six-sponsored community forums, and held over 200 briefings with community stakeholders.

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“Now that the environmental document is approved, Caltrans, Metro, and the local agencies will expeditiously implement freeway/roadway improvement projects to relieve congestion in the impacted communities. The immediate projects will be roadway operational improvements, local interchange improvements, local street intersection capacity enhancements, corridor traffic signal synchronization, and other similar projects that would improve traffic mobility,” said Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chief Executive Officer Phillip A Washington.

The document can be found here: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs/docs/SR710NorthProject/>

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